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1. TURKISH REACTION TO THE HELSTOSKI RESOLUTION AND THE ARMENIAN
ISSUE CONTINUED IN TWO TURKISH DAILIES APRIL 11, INCLUDING A
COMMENT BY HASAN IOG, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY GPP)
DEPUTY AND FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER. IN A STATEMENT TO THE
MODERATELY-LEFTIST PAPER CUMHURIYET, ISIK REPORTEDLY SAID;
"IF THE ADMINISTRATORS OF A COUNTRY FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD REMIND
ANOTHER NATION OF CERTAIN BETTER DAYS IN ITS HISTORY AS AN EXAMPLE
TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, WE CANNOT SAY THIS IS ABSOLUTELY A MISTAKE
....JUST AS WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY. HOWEVER, THERE ARE EXAMPLES
OF MASSACRES IN AMERICAN HISTORY. THE MISTAKE OF THE U.S.
CONGRESS IS THAT THEY FAILED TO TAKE AN EXAMPLE FROM THEIR OWN
HISTORY. FURTHERMORE, WHEN THEY ARE NOT (RPT NOT) PROVOKED
FROM THE OUTSIDE, THE TURKS AND ARMENIANS HAVE ALWAYS TREATED
EACH OTHER WITH AFFECTION AND RESPECT. THIS IS NOT (RPT NOT)
A VALID EXAMPLE..." (COMMENT; ISIK, WHO SERVED AS TURKISH
AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE FROM JUNE 1968 UNTIL FEBRUARY 1973, TOOK
THE INITIATIVE IN ASKING FOR HIS OWN RECALL TO TURKEY IN PROTEST
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OVER THE UNVEILING IN MARSEILLES OF A MONUMENT WITH AN INSCRIPTION

REFERRING TO TURK MASSACRES OF ARMENIANS.)

2. EDITORIAL COMMENTS ALSO WERE CRITICAL OF THE ACTION BY THE
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A. RESIT ASCIOGLU (GUNAYDPN) SAID THAT WHILE HE DID NOT
(RPT NOT) OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH A DECLARATION HE WISHED THE
HOUSE HAD ALSO TAKEN NOTICE OF SIMPLAR ATROCITIES AGAINST TURKISH
CYPRIOTS WHICH OCCURED 15 YEARS AGO.

B. ALI SIRMEN CUMHURIYAT) CRITICIZED AMERICAN POLICY ON
THE ARMENIANS IN TURKEY SINCE THE TIME OF THE TURKISH NATIONAL
WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, AND SAID HE WAS "NOT (RPT NOT) SURPRISED"

BY THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT. HE CONTINUED: "THE 'HUMANITARIAN'
ANCESTORS OF TODAY'S AMERICANS. WHEN THEY LANDED IN NORTH
AMERICAN, FOUND 2,400,000 INDIANS THERE. THEY KILLED THEM
SYSTEMATICALLY. NOTHING CAN BE MORE DISGUSTING AND FALSE THAN
FOR AMERICA TO PLAY THE ROLE OF THE HUMANITARIAN."
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